



**“In February, nature reminds us that even in the coldest moments, beauty can still flourish.” – Gabriela Alemán**

**This month's newsletter contains all the various and exciting activities our art society is offering. Please come out and support our regional artists by taking advantage of all these fun and interesting events.**



**>>> Bangor Elks Lodge #1106's Generosity to the Arts:** FAAS was honored to receive a generous donation from a truly wonderful civic organization in our area. We are deeply humbled by the extraordinary generosity of the **Bangor Elks Lodge #1106**. Their remarkable gift will bring immense value to our community, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their incredible support. Thank you!



**>>> This Month's FAAS Meeting:** Our next general meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM** at the **Faith Lutheran Church Community Room** (2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA - Rear entrance). The presenter will be **Kat Collins** who will be demonstrating how to create acrylic and mixed-media art work. Please remember to bring your latest artwork for "Show and Tell". We will again have a free raffle for a piece of artwork open to all attendees.



**Presentation/Demonstration Description:** I will be sharing a talk and live demonstration titled “**Painting Emotional Weather: Intuitive Abstraction in Acrylic + Mixed Media.**” My paintings begin with raw, gestural mark-making and evolve through layers of acrylic, ink, collage, and drawing. During the demo I’ll show how I build atmosphere and depth, how I follow intuition in the moment, and how a painting shifts from chaotic beginnings into a more resolved emotional landscape—capturing what it feels like to move through the world right now.

**Bio / Artist Statement:** Kat Collins is an intuitive abstract expressionist based in Easton, Pennsylvania. Her mixed-media paintings explore “emotional weather” and internal terrain—layered atmospheres that hold memory, movement, and the shifting energies of lived experience. Working with acrylic paint, collage, ink, and drawing materials, Collins builds surfaces through accumulation and revision, allowing each piece to evolve through tension, softness, and transformation. Her work invites viewers to move between distance and close looking, where subtle marks and embedded fragments reveal themselves over time.

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**FAAS December Holiday Party Thank You!:** A big thank-you to everyone who came out to our annual FAAS Holiday Party on December 10th! Even though it was a cold, snowy night, it turned into a warm, fun evening spent with great friends. Shout-out to the artist who brought beautiful handmade artwork for the raffle, and thanks to everyone who shared their amazing (!) dishes and thoughtful gifts. We’re so grateful for all the support and holiday spirit you bring to our group!



The Forks Area Art Society's art classes and sessions will continue through the winter. Many of the classes are filling up so sign up now to ensure you get a space!

>>> **Nancy Sullivan** is continuing her **Acrylic Painting** class and her **Beginners Drawing** class on **Thursday's 6pm to 8pm**. You'll first learn how to draw the item you choose then learn the steps in bringing the photo to life with paint. Each class is \$30. for members and \$35 for non-members. Space is limited. To reserve a place in her class please contact Nancy directly at [nancysfancies@outlook.com](mailto:nancysfancies@outlook.com)

>>> **FAAS Writers Group Session:** Hosted by Charlie Hanson the meetings take place monthly at The Cottage (700 Zucksville Road, Forks Twp). The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, February 21st** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Space is limited. This free group is for new and established writers who have a story to tell or who want to share their creative work. For more information please contact Charlie at [bchanson1@rcn.com](mailto:bchanson1@rcn.com).

>>> **FAAS Painting and Drawing Event at St. John's:** A great opportunity to paint or draw a live model in costume. This month's model is **Ling Cook**. The session takes place on **Wednesday, February 11th** from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**. If painting, please bring drop cloth. A light lunch and beverages are included. Fee for model and food is \$15.00. All skill levels are welcome. Limited to 20 artists. RSVP requested. Contact Charlie Hanson at [bchanson1@rcn.com](mailto:bchanson1@rcn.com) to let him know you will be attending. St. John's Gallery, 330 Ferry Street, Easton PA 18042. Park in Church parking lot, enter at the red door, push the bell for Gallery, someone will let you in.

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>>> **The Gallery at St. John's Upcoming Show:** The next show features two amazing women artists, **Mindy Hahn** and **Norma Wokas**. The **Opening Reception** takes place on **Sunday, February 22nd** and the exhibit runs thru **March 29th**. Visit the [St. John's Lutheran Church](http://St. John's Lutheran Church) gallery website for more information. Gallery hours: Sundays only 12-3 pm. St. John's Gallery, 330 Ferry Street, Easton PA 18042. Park in Church parking lot, enter at the red door, push the bell for Gallery, someone will let you in. Free. Open to the public.



**>>> The Arts Community of Easton (ACE) Monthly Meeting (New Location):** The next ACE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 10th** from **6:30 to 8pm**. The agenda is this year's ACE elections. The meeting will take place at **Lafayette College's Media Room 2, 248 N. 3rd Street**, Easton PA. ACE Monthly Meetings are free and open to the public.

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**Board Member Openings:** Are you someone who likes to plan gatherings, organize and promote events? Are you a member of FAAS and are willing to volunteer a few hours a month in doing these tasks? Then you are just who we are looking for. FAAS is looking to fill the Events Coordinator spot on our board. We would love for you to join us. All interested in filling this spot please contact us at [info@forksart.org](mailto:info@forksart.org). We can also use volunteers to help us in the areas of graphics arts, advertising/social media, among others if you like helping with these activities we can use your skills.

**Membership Dues for 2026** are now being accepted. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership or consider becoming a member to help us defray the cost of our many activities and events throughout the year. The cost is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Dues can be paid in person at our monthly meetings or by emailing us at [info@forksart.org](mailto:info@forksart.org).

**Art & Fine Craft Classes – Instructor Opportunities:** FAAS is offering any art and craft instructors the opportunity to provide classes at the Cottage. The instructors can set their fee for the classes. You will need to provide proof of Child Protection Training if teaching children or youth classes. If you are interested in providing a weekly, monthly, other(?) class please contact us at [info@forksart.org](mailto:info@forksart.org) for more information.

**Members Benefits at the Cottage :** In addition to the opportunity to teach a class at the cottage, we invite you to utilize our free art library which contains over 100 books for reference and inspiration. We also offer opportunities for creating, exhibiting, and learning about art through the generosity of our members and volunteers. If you need a frame, we have many donated frames of various sizes available at no cost to FAAS members. Contact us at [info@forksart.org](mailto:info@forksart.org) to arrange pickup.

**Crayola Advisory Panel - Volunteers Needed: Children & Teenagers** Crayola is looking for volunteers for their **Advisory Panel**. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun participating in focus groups where they will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and/or test new product ideas to help Crayola develop the best products for our kids. Crayola is currently seeking **children between 2 and 17 years old** for upcoming focus groups. If you have any children or know of any children who would like to participate please visit <https://www.crayola.com/advisorypanel> for more information and to register for the advisory panel.

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